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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS ON US-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS

1. OF MAJOR TURKISH NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 6 ONLY MILLIYET
CONTINUES TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL
AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. THE MILLIYET REPORT, WRITTEN
BY MEHMET ALI BIRAND, CLAIMS THAT THE TURKISH AND AMERICAN
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATION INTENSELY AND IN COMPLETE SECRECY
IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD FACILITATE
THE PASSAGE OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGEEMENT (DCA) THROUGH CONGRESS. BIRAND, WHO GIVES NO
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SOURCE FOR HIS STORY, STATES THAT THE TWO SIDES ARE TRYING TO
DEVELOP A SCENARIO WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S
EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS BY DEMONSTRATING CONCRETE PROGRESS ON
CYPRUS. THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR ITS PART HAS ADVISED THE TURKS
OF A SCHEDULE OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE NAMES
OF PERSONS WHO WILL TESTIFY AT THOSE MEETINGS. IN RETURN, BIRAND
SAYS, TURKEY WILL, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, SUPPORT EFFORTS TO

RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS.

2. BIRAND CLAIMS THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT WITH CONGRESS WOULD BE RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER KYPRIANOU, HOWEVER, REFUSES TO AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS UNLESS THERE IS GUARANTEE THAT TURKEY WILL PRESENT A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL. THE TURKS IN TURN CLAIM TO BE WILLING TO MAKE SUCH PROPOSAL BUT WILL NOT AGREE TO DO SO AS A PRECONDITION FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS.

3. BIRAND AGAIN DISCUSSES SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION FACES IN ITS DEALINGS WITH CONGRESS DURING THE NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO QUOTES OBSERVERS AS POINTING OUT THAT IF THE DCA IS NOT PASSED BEFORE THE US ENTERS THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD IN 1978, IT WILL NOT BE PASSED UNTIL 1979.

4. ACCORDING TO BIRAND, PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UNGA DISTURBED THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND GREEKS BECAUSE IT DID NOT MENTION THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ON THE OTHER HAND, BIRAND' REPORTS THAT THE TURKS HAVE INTERPRETED THE PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO MENTION CYPRUS AS A CONSCIOUS DECISION DESIGNED TO AVOID AGGRAVATING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT A TIME WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARING TO GET THE DCA THROUGH CONGRESS.

5. MILLIYET CARRIES A SEPARATE ARTICLE DATELINED NICOSIA WHICH REPORTS THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CON-
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CERNED BY THE "AMERICANIZATION" OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER APOYEVMATININ CRITICIZING THE ACTIVE ROLE THAT THE US HAS ASSUMED AND SAYING THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WISH THE PROBLEM TO REMAIN ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.
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